

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PINS, UK, IZ  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF FORMER IRAQI PREMIER

1. FORMER IRAQI PRIME MINISTER ABDUL RAZZAK AL-NAYIF  
WAS SHOT BY AN ARAB GUNMAN OUTSIDE THE INTER CONTINENTAL  
HOTEL JULY 9 IN LONDON, DYING ON THE MORNING OF JULY 10.  
THE GUNMAN WAS SEIZED TRYING TO ESCAPE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FCO THE GUNMAN WAS CARRING WHAT  
APPEARS TO BE A FALSE BAHREINI PASSPORT AND MAY HAVE  
PALESTINIAN CONNECTIONS. THE FCO HAS ALSO INFORMED  
US A MINOR IRAQI CIVIL SERVANT CARRYING AN IRAQI  
PASSPORT WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT YESTERDAY  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIME AND THAT HMG BELIEVES  
THAT IT HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH A LINK  
WITH THE IRAQI EMBASSY HERE.

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3. THE FCO ASKED US THAT WE HOLD THIS INFORMATION  
CLOSELY FOR THE TIME BEING (PARA 2).

4. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT CAN OBVIOUSLY BE EXPECTED TO  
HAVE A) SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR ANGLO-IRAQI RELATIONS  
AND B) TO A LESSER DEGREE, SOME EFFECT ON OUR SECURITY  
PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING LONDON MIDDLE EAST TALKS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME ARAB EMBASSIES HERE ARE ALREADY  
ASKING FOR MORE POLICE PROTECTION.

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